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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

NISHII ET AL.

Examiner

John R. Hardee

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-18 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15, 17 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-14, 16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09102004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP 62-045,681 A. See abstract, which discloses a mixture of 5 parts by weight of silicone oil, 95 pbw of ethylene glycol, 3 pbw of triethanolamine, 0.1 pbw of benzotriazole. 0.8 pbw of phosphoric acid and colorant. This is diluted with water to an ethylene glycol concentration of 30%. The Office does not have the facilities to determine conductivities, but the ionic concentration appears to be small enough and the glycol concentration large enough to meet applicant's limitations. Alternatively, as the cited composition is similar to that being claimed, one would expect them to have similar properties. A cooling cycle of the disclosed coolant and nitrogen can be fairly inferred, as cooling of an engine is the intended purpose of the composition. Silicone oil and ethylene glycol are nonionic. Claim 18 is drawn to intended use, and the product by process limitations of claims 13 and 14 are held to be met in the absence of evidence to the contrary.
3. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over SU 899,635

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B (abstract). See the disclosed composition. The Office does not have the facilities to determine conductivities, but the ionic concentration appears to be small enough at the low end of the concentration ranges to meet applicant's limitations. Claim 18 is drawn to intended use, and the product by process limitations of claims 13 and 14 are held to be met in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

4. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over WO 98/40441. The reference is in Japanese. See the composition disclosed at col. 5, lines 45+ of related US 6,083,311. The Office does not have the facilities to determine conductivities, but the ionic concentration appears to be small enough at the low end of the concentration ranges to meet applicant's limitations. Claim 18 is drawn to intended use, and the product by process limitations of claims 13 and 14 are held to be met in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

Response to Arguments

5. The Office appears to have mislaid applicant's response. The examiner apologizes for the delay.

6. Applicant's arguments filed June 18, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the cited references do not disclose the conductivities of the disclosed compositions. While this is correct, the person of ordinary skill in the coolant art would expect those compositions to have conductivities which meet the recited conductivity limitation because they contain only small amounts of ionic

materials. Regarding rejections under 102/103, see MPEP 2112 and references to *In re Best* and *In re Fitzgerald*. It is incumbent upon applicant to present objective evidence that the cited compositions do not meet the recited conductivity limitations.

7. This office action contains new grounds of rejection which were not motivated by applicant's amendment. Accordingly, this action is NOT FINAL.

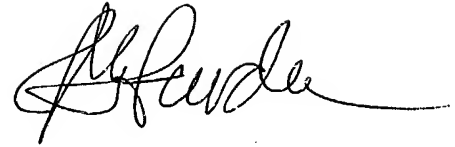
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Dr. Yogendra Gupta, may be reached at (571) 272-1316.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
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